

Useful language: word formation

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in capitals. Look carefully at the words before and after each gap and decide what part of speech you need.

- 1 I was when I heard I had won a holiday in Acapulco!
- 2 We've got coming to our house later this evening.
- 3 The mountain in Africa is Mount Kilimanjaro, which is 5,895 metres.
- 4 In the mountains, it's much to travel by horse than by bicycle.
- 5 Nowadays many people travelling by plane and prefer to take the train.
- 6 The old house is nearly falling down and it's completely
- 7 There are restrictions on car use in a number of cities.
- 8 The most countryside here is in the river valley. It's beautiful.
- 9 Clothes are important in this nightclub and people are always dressed.
- 10 The owner of that island is extremely; he's worth a billion dollars.

DELIGHT
VISIT
HIGH

EASY

LIKE

INHABIT
GROW
ATTRACT

FASHION

WEALTH

Advice

1 'I was' is followed here by an adjective. What form do we use to describe how someone feels?

2 A noun is required, but is it singular or plural? There are two noun forms for this word – which do we need here? ('... coming to our house' should tell you!)

3 An adjective is needed. What form might follow 'the'? The use of a number is a clue.

4 What does 'than' tell you about the missing word? Be careful with the spelling.

5 If they 'prefer' to do something else, is the missing verb likely to be positive or negative? Is a prefix or a suffix required?

6 The missing word describes 'house'. What does 'nearly falling down' tell you about the meaning? You need to add both a prefix and suffix here.

2 Correct the mistakes made by First candidates.

- 1 Thanks for the weekend, everything was wonderfull.
- 2 Many students study Education and they can find a job easily when they graduate.
- 3 I will need at least three days to help my family with the preparatives for this event.
- 4 The restaurant offers quality, nutritious food, and a variety menu.
- 5 If we received a complainment from the Tourist Board they would be given the sack immediately.
- 6 Personally I would recommend this game to unexperienced players who like to solve mysteries.
- 7 The international airport of the capital city is the most impressing I have ever seen.
- 8 If you are determinated and you focus on your aim, nothing will prevent you from achieving it.
- 9 Secondly, when I tried to tell your waitress about the food she was rude and unpolite.
- 10 Car accidents are mainly due to inappropiate speed and uncarefully driving.

Tip! Remember always to check your spelling!

- 1 Quickly read the title and the text in the exam task below. What is it about?
- 2 Look at the example (0) and answer these questions.
 - What kind of word is 'predict'?
 - What kind of word is needed and what suffix is added to form it?
 - What other change is made and why?
- 3 Follow the exam instructions. For each of 17–24, study the gap, the sentence it is in and the word in capitals.

For questions 17–24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Tip! When you have filled in all the gaps, read the complete text to make sure everything makes sense.

Tip! Don't forget you need to make change(s) to ALL the words in capitals. Don't leave any unchanged!

Tip! Remember to use the context, especially the words next to the gap, to work out what kind of word you need to form (e.g. *noun, plural*).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 P R E D I C T I O N S

Too many emails

Some years ago, there were (0) that email would soon be replaced as the most common means of online communication by social (17) sites. Since then, however, the number of emails sent has increased (18) , to the point that the volume received on a daily basis has become (19) for many people.

For some users, the situation has become so (20) that they regularly delete all the emails they receive without even bothering to read them, which is rather (21) , to say the least. A less extreme measure is to install software that sorts incoming mail into different categories. By doing this, promotions from (22) organisations, for instance, go into a separate folder from messages arriving from friends or employers, (23) us to see which emails are more important than others. Not all of us, though, may be so keen to let software make such (24) for us.

PREDICT

WORK

STEADY
STRESS

BEAR

RISK

COMMERCE

ABLE

DECIDE

Advice

17 Think of a compound word that goes with 'social'.

18 Be careful with the 'y'.

19 Use a word meaning 'something that causes stress'.

20 You need to add both a prefix and a suffix.

21 Make sure you add the correct suffix.

22 Be careful with the final 'e'.

23 A prefix and a suffix are needed, plus a spelling change.

24 Take care with a spelling change.

